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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : John Steinberg
Application No. : 09/826,336
Filed : 03 April 2001
For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATED IMAGE
CORRECTION FOR DIGITAL IMAGE ACQUISITION
Group Art Unit : 2625
Examiner : ALI BAYAT

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DECLARATION OF JOHN STEINEBRG
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

1. My name is John Steinberg. I am over eighteen years of age and am otherwise competent to make this declaration. All facts stated herein are based on my personal knowledge.

2. I am presently employed by Electronics for Imaging, Inc., ("EFI") assignee of the above-identified patent application. I have been employed by EFI since January 2000.

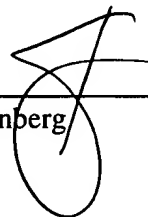
3. I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed in above-identified patent. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application and the October 23, 2003 Office Action for this application.

4. I disclosed the subject matter of this application well before August 8, 2000. A copy of a summary of the invention is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Although the date of the document has been redacted, the date is well before August 8, 2000.

5. On or before August 15, 2000, I reduced the invention to practice. A copy of the result of an exemplary implementation of the invention is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The document in the exhibit illustrates nine digital images (a) - (i). Image (g) illustrates an unprocessed digital image that includes the target illustrated in image (a), a subset of which is shown in image (d). Image (h) illustrates a digital image processed in accordance with this invention using image (b), a subset of which is shown in image (e). Image (i) illustrates a digital image processed in accordance with this invention using image (f), which is a subset of the target illustrated in image (c).

6. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and correct, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that I have made these statements with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity and/or enforceability of this application or any patent that may issue thereon.

Executed this 23rd day of January 2004.



John Steinberg

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Re: REDACTED PROFILING REMOTE IMAGING DEVICES
Inventor: Steinburg
Our File: EFIM0261

Dear Danyiasia:

Per your request, REDACTED for EFI's profiling remote imaging devices invention. As I understand the invention, pages of target having controlled colors are distributed to users of such devices as scanners and digital cameras. When the user submits a file produced by the imaging device for reproduction, for example at a printing service, the user also sends along an image taken with the device of the target page. Because the target page is known at the reproduction service, the target page can be used to develop a profile for the imaging device and therefore can be used to develop the color correction value to be applied to the images submitted to the reproduction service.

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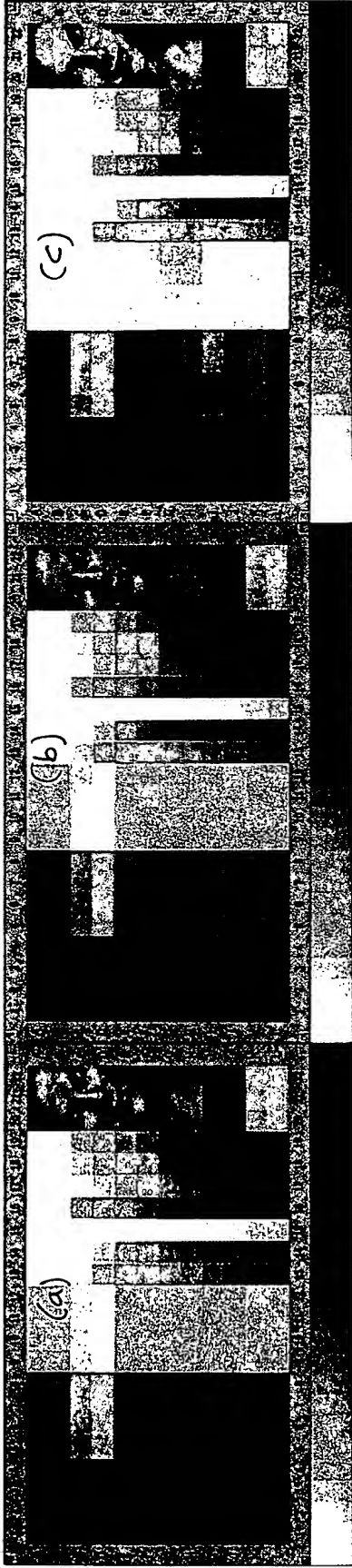
REDACTED Please
advise if you would like for us to begin preparation of a patent application
for this invention.

Very truly yours,


Michael A. Glenn

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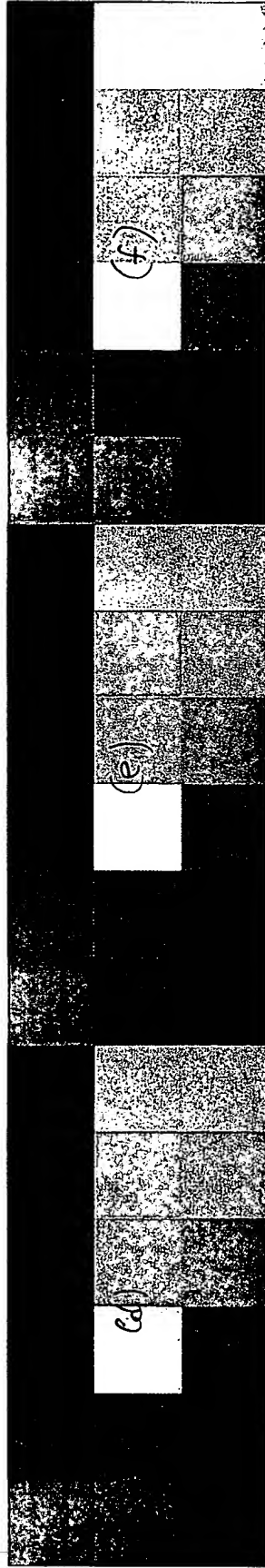
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Original (unprocessed) RGB camera images (fluorescent lighting)

Processed by profile derived from IT8/Q60 chart under fluorescent lights

Processed by profile derived from small IT8 in picture below



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